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	<i>Customer Number</i>	<b>22442</b>
<i>Title of the Invention:</i>	Maternal Antibodies as Fetal Cell Markers to Identify and Enrich Fetal Cells from Maternal Blood	

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir,

This Response is filed in reply to the Office Action having a mailing date of June 12, 2009. A request for a 3-month extension of time to extend the time for response from September 12, 2009 to Monday, December 14, 2009 is being submitted herewith. Please debit any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.